(vii) CPCB is bringing out a quarterly newsletter "Parivesh' for creating mass awareness on various aspects of environmental protection in the country.

(viii) Information relating to control measures is also available on the web site of CPCB and MoEF.

Suspension of wagons placement orders

*94. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suspended placement of orders for wagons, following detection of sub-standard and cheaper steel used in the manufacture of wagons, replacing the quality steel supplied by Government; and

(b) if so, the names of the companies and the number of wagons for which orders were placed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Initially certain vigilance checks were conducted on wagons where it was found that a manufacturer *viz.* M/s. Hindustan Development Corporation had used cheaper mild steel in place of corten steel being supplied by Railways to wagon manufacturers as free supply item. In the process of inspection by Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO), use of mild steel in place of corten steel was also found in the factory premises of M/s. Burn Standard/ Howrah and M/s. Texmaco. Recent vigilance checks show that few more manufacturers have also been found to have used mild steel in place of specified corten steel in manufacturing of wagons. These firms are M/s. Texmaco, M/s. Burn Standard/Burnpur, M/s. Burn Standard/Howrah, M/s. Bharat Wagons and Engg. Ltd./Muzaffarpur and M/s. BESCO. It has, therefore, become necessary to carry out more joint comprehensive checks on all wagon manufacturers in order to assess the quantum and magnitude of the problem before release of further orders.

Wagon orders on various wagon manufacturers outstanding as on 1.4.2001 is as per the statement enclosed.

Statement

Pending orders on wagon manufacturing firms as on 1.4.2001

(Figures in four wheeler units)

S.No.	Name of the firm	Spill over outstanding order as on 1.4.2001	Option Quantity 30% already exercised	Total Load as on 1.4.2001
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Bharat Wagon Engineering Co. Ltd., Muzaffarpur	287.5	435	722.5
2.	Bharat Wagon Engineering Co. Ltd., Mokameh	565	217.5	782.5
3.	BRAITHWAITE & Co. Ltd., Kolkata	585	0	585
4.	Burn Standard Co. Ltd., Burnpur	0	440	440
5.	Burn Standard Co. Ltd., Howrah	1075	297.5	1372.5
6.	JESSOPS & Co. Ltd., Kolkata	277.5	120	397.5
7.	Southern Structurals Ltd., Chennai	405	0	405
8.	Bridge & Roof, Kolkata	150	37.5	187.5
	Total Public sector units	3345	1547.5	4892.5
9.	TEXMACO Ltd., Kolkata	0	150	150
10.	MODERN Industries, Sahibabad	242.5	187.5	430
11.	Hindustan Development Corpn., Kolkata	2457.5	0	2457.5
12.	BESCO Ltd., Kolkata	960	420	1380
13.	TITAGARH Steels Ltd., Kolkata	730	155	885
14.	BINNY Engg. Ltd., Chennai	2.5	0	2.5
	Total Private sector units	4392.5	912.5	5305
	Total Industry	7737.5	2460	10197.5
	Developmental orders	135	0	135
	OYWS (BTPGLN)	45	0	45
	TOTAL INDUSTRY	7917.5	2460	10377.5